



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No.**  
Toshiki SAKABAYASHI : Docket No. 2003-1512A  
Serial No. 10/688,908 : Group Art Unit Not Yet Assigned  
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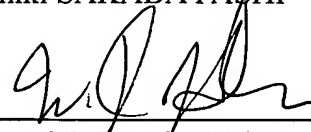
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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned Attorney of Record as to the present status of the above identified application, and advise when an Official Action may be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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